

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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the building, equipment, endowment and support of post-graduate and university schools other than those now found in the undergraduate work of our Presbyterian colleges, unless the donor shall specifically designate otherwise; and (2) that this commendation shall become operative only after the Board of Directors of Oglethorpe University have incorporated the first five articles of this report into their charter and have arranged the title to the property of Oglethorpe University as the General Assembly may direct under the first article of this report."

"II. The action upon this question which would be satisfactory to the Assembly's Executive and Advisory Committee of Christian Education:

"1. At no time nor in any manner has the General Assembly approved any plan for the establishment of Oglethorpe or any university, nor does it consider sessions of churches competent to establish a university for the whole Church. (See Minutes 1899, p. 412.)

"2. In view of the critical problems that are being faced by some of the colleges owned and controlled by the Presbyteries and Synods of the Church as they seek better equipment and larger endowments to continue their important work, the Assembly deems it unwise at this time to give its approval to the erection of a university.

"3. The General Assembly reaffirms the action of previous Assemblies constituting the Synod the educational unit and leaving the matter of a university to the Synods for their action (see Minutes 1915, pp. 33-34), and expresses its clear conviction that unless a majority of the Synods or a number of Synods containing a majority of the membership of the Church give their endorsement to this movement and assume the financial responsibilities of the proposed university, the management of Oglethorpe University should cease to canvass the congregations for money on the claim that they are erecting a university for the Presbyterian Church in the United States."

Respectfully submitted,

Walter L. Lingle, Chairman,
C. W. Grafton,
R. F. Campbell,
John S. Munce,
Helm Bruce.

The special subject for emphasis at this meeting, in accordance with the action of the last Assembly, is "Family Religion." The program for the consideration of this subject was prepared by a committee, of which Rev. Dr. Robert Hill, of Texas, is the chairman. The first address on the subject was made Thursday night by Rev. Dr. Walter L. Lingle, of Union Seminary of Richmond. His subject was: "What a father owes to his children." He said that he did not propose to preach a sermon, but wanted to have a text to put back of and above what he had to say on this subject. He took Gen. 18:19, as given in the American Revised Version: "For I have known him to the end that he may command his household after him, that they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

Dr. Lingle said, among other things, that one of the things that the father owes to his children is to know them, to know them as to their feelings, their desires, their aims, their temptations, their trials, their burdens.

Another thing that the father owes to his children is to live before them a Christian life, for a life means more to them than any thing the father can say.

A third thing the father owes to his children is a Christian home. This is far more than merely a place to eat and sleep in. In a Christian home you would expect a blessing at the table, a family altar about which the father would gather the family

and there read a portion of God's word and lead them to the throne of grace. In a Christian home you would expect the word of God to be regularly and systematically taught; and this responsibility cannot be shifted to Sunday-school or to anyone else. Many boys and girls are coming out of Christian homes who are densely ignorant of the word of God and its teaching. In a Christian home you expect to find the spirit of Christ permeating the atmosphere of the home. The whole home ought to be saturated by religion.

A father owes his children a Christian education. Most fathers feel that they owe their children an education, but all do not recognize the fact that they owe them a Christian education. Every father should ask, before he sends his child to a school, what will be the effect of this institution upon the religious life of the child.

Another thing that the father owes to the child is to train them to attend upon the services of God's house. The children should be taken to the church services, for they will have deep and lasting impressions made upon their young hearts, such as nothing else will do.

FRIDAY.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. F. Price, of Napton, Mo.

The following cablegram from Dr. George Adams Smith, moderator of the United Free Church, was presented by the stated clerk:

"With firm faith in righteousness of our cause we gratefully hail the entrance your people into the alliance for justice, freedom and peace."

It was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The privileges of the floor were extended to the three moderators who were present, and who are not members of the Assembly. They are Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, Rev. Dr. C. R. Hemphill, Rev. Dr. W. McC. Alexander and Rev. Dr. J. F. Cannon.

The following standing committees were appointed by the moderator, and to them about eighty overtures and certain other papers were referred:

Standing Committees.

1. **Bills and Overtures**—C. W. Grafton, L. H. Paul, A. A. Wallace, W. C. Wells, E. P. Davis, J. D. Hill, Ben Harrop, J. W. Marshall, T. M. Stribling, H. R. McFadyen, E. A. Archibald, W. L. Booker, W. C. Foulks, C. B. Hancock, W. L. Welburn, A. S. McClamrach.

2. **Judicial Business**—Thornton Whaling, C. S. McDowell, Jr., J. D. Guyton, I. A. Murchison, J. P. Anderson, E. H. Gregory, A. T. Graham, A. M. Plant, H. E. Carter, A. S. Grady, E. C. Pennick.

3. **Foreign Correspondence**—J. B. Hutton, J. C. Cowan, W. C. White, Lamar Williamson, J. C. McLeod, A. H. Zeimer, S. C. Cunningham, E. M. Browder, R. F. Thompson.

4. **Foreign Missions**—W. R. Dobyns, W. B. McIlwaine, S. P. Fulton, L. C. Vass, A. P. Hassell, W. F. Bull, T. T. Trimble, H. M. Moffett, J. E. Kerr, F. A. Barnes, W. P. Dicky, R. S. Brank, J. S. Crowley, Frank Anderson, James A. Woods.

5. **Home Missions**—A. B. Curry, W. C. Fritter, F. E. Clark, W. H. Irvine, W. W. Morton, W. O. Cochran, O. W. Buschgen, S. M. Rankin, Herman Jones, H. C. Hammond, R. P. Walker, Thomas Shields, A. J. Wilkinson, C. M. Wardlaw, J. G. Cavazos, J. C. Weir.

6. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—C. M. Richards, W. N. Sholl, George T. Mason, J. G. Venable, Bunyan McLeod, W. T. J. Youell, C. F.

Gibson, S. D. Patrick, J. A. Brown, M. A. Boggs, G. W. Sharp, W. H. McClung, A. Somerville.

7. **Publication and Sabbath School Work**—H. A. McLaughlin, H. S. Springall, J. McD. A. Lacy, C. R. Dodson, J. J. Squire, W. H. McIntosh, W. K. Massie, M. M. McFerrin, F. F. Schell, S. L. Franklin, C. S. Gilmer, A. L. Peacher, T. R. Foust.

8. **Theological Seminaries**—J. G. Patton, C. H. Storey, J. R. Rosebro, J. L. Fairly, W. H. Benton, E. S. Witherspoon, S. M. Logan, L. W. Curtis, W. E. Price, R. N. Nesbit, W. G. Williams, J. W. Cook, B. S. Speck.

9. **Church Societies**—T. M. Hawes, W. H. Adams, J. F. Ford, J. E. Hemphill, R. L. Landin, W. E. Brown, C. E. Devin, Clyde Johnson, C. F. Arrowood, M. A. Ray, R. F. Adams, J. W. McCain, R. F. Dillard, E. S. Hobbs.

10. **Narrative on State of Religion**—M. McN. McKay, William Dufcan, P. H. Pleune, W. F. Tims, J. L. Brownless, R. S. Arrowood, W. S. Hamiter, W. L. Downing, R. R. Vann, C. A. Spencer, J. I. Lawrence, T. G. Ortiz.

11. **Systematic Beneficence**—C. M. Boyd, F. Z. Browne, W. H. Frazer, S. O. Cox, W. T. Mann, J. T. Naylor, J. B. Spillman, R. L. McNair, D. M. Pipes, F. R. Brown.

12. **Bible Cause**—E. R. Leyburn, G. W. Reed, W. C. Young, H. D. Smith, F. D. Vaughan, R. W. Roulhac, C. G. Cumming, John Webb, S. A. Grier, T. H. Lumpkin, J. M. Thomas, C. B. Scott.

13. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—J. C. Tims, Donald McQueen, T. J. Hutchison, J. H. Axford, R. D. Carson, R. E. McWilliams, C. H. Dobbs, W. L. Fox, W. W. Elliot, R. L. Landis, E. A. Harness.

14. **Audits**—R. G. Vance, J. M. Colaw, D. L. Latta, C. M. Leslie, D. A. McDonald.

15. **Mileage**—William Dinwiddie, R. L. Walker, H. L. Morrow, W. K. Seago, A. A. Hodrick.

16. **Minutes Council Reformed Churches America**—R. W. Jopling, O. G. Jones, D. P. Rogers, J. W. McCabe, V. L. Hall, T. B. Woodford.

17. **Leave of Absence**—W. L. Caldwell, H. L. Snead, M. M. McKnight, J. Hunter Bell, W. L. Harrison.

18. **Devotional Exercises**—G. F. Bell, M. C. Taylor, A. H. Havenkotte.

19. **Thanks**—William H. Woods, A. G. Harris, H. T. McIntosh.

20. **Synodical Records**—A. Afro-American—A. G. Irons, J. H. Hall.

B. Alabama—J. W. Clotfelter, J. M. Montgomery.

C. Appalachia—C. E. McLean, James Bowron.

D. Arkansas—J. P. Smith, Jr., T. R. Ward.

E. Florida—D. M. Hawthorne, H. E. Hyatt.

F. Georgia—W. F. Price, William Leckie.

G. Kentucky—J. S. Kennison, W. H. White.

H. Louisiana—J. H. Brady, S. A. Newland.

I. Mississippi—S. H. Williamson, R. A. Neely.

J. Missouri—R. S. Burwell, J. S. Wilson.

K. North Carolina—D. H. Coman, H. R. Kelster.

L. Oklahoma—C. W. McCully, L. H. Gibbs.

M. South Carolina—R. G. Davis, W. R. King.

N. Tennessee—S. L. Rieves, S. O. Fielder.

O. Texas—J. H. Whitmore, B. S. Crane.

P. Virginia—J. E. Healy, J. D. Harvey.

Q. West Virginia—B. F. Bedinger, M. H. Westberry.

Report of Committee on Afro-American Synod.

The following report was presented by the committee appointed by the last Assembly:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in session in Birmingham, Alabama, May 17, 1917:

The committee appointed at the last Assembly to confer and counsel with the Afro-American Synod, hereby presents its report.

Enclosed you will find copy of the minutes of the committee.

Owing to the death of the Rev. J. G. Snedecor, LL. D., Rev. A. A. Little became chairman of the committee.

Following recommendations were adopted and ordered forwarded to the Assembly: (1) That the committee appointed by the Snedecor Memorial Synod be given the privilege of a hearing before this Assembly. (2) That the Assembly appoint each year a committee to confer with and counsel this new Synod.

A. A. Little, Chairman.

Along with this report was presented the following record of the organization of the Synod:

Organization of Afro-American Synod. Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 14, 1917.

To the Assembly—Greeting:

This is to certify that the Afro-American Synod was duly organized in compliance with the order of the General Assembly of 1916. With Rev. C. W. Gideon moderator, Rev. A. J. McQueen, stated clerk, and Rev. R. M. Golightly treasurer.

The Synod is composed of the following Presbyteries: Central Alabama, North and South Carolina, Ethel and Central Louisiana, with thirty-seven ministers and fifty churches.

The name was changed from Afro-American Synod to that of Snedecor Memorial Synod.

In this connection we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the very valuable assistance rendered by the commission sent down by the Assembly to organize said Synod. We refer to Dr. S. L. Morris, Dr. A. A. Little, Dr. J. G. Praigg and Rev. D. D. Little.

Humbly submitted,

C. S. Alford,
A. M. Plant,
I. C. H. Champney,
Committee.

In this connection Rev. A. M. Plant, a member of this newly constituted Synod, presented the greetings of that Synod, which is composed of four colored Presbyteries. Among other things he said in substance:

In the organization of the Afro-American Synod you have given to us the best opportunity we have ever had to develop ourselves. I feel that here in this Assembly I am among the best friends I have in the world. When a negro gets a good dose of the Calvinistic system it gives him intellectual indigestion, but it does not matter how sick it makes him, when he has digested it it makes him a better citizen and a better Christian. We appreciate very greatly the help that you have given us, and we hope that you will continue to give us help and advice. When we are strong enough we will try to stand alone.

Receiving Candidates.

The Assembly last year appointed a committee to suggest changes in the Book of Church Order in regard to receiving candidates for the ministry. This committee made the following report, which will be considered at a later time:

Report of the Ad-Interim Committee appointed to propose a section of the Book of Church Order defining (Continued on page 20.)